

ARRA Proposed Award:

The Moderate Income Sustainable Technology (MIST) Program

Regional Program: 30 Rural County Regional Coalition of Rural Members including Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Imperial, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Tuolumne and Yuba; 19 Associate County Members including Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Mendocino, Monterey, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura and Yolo; and 2 Associate City Members, the Cities of Palmdale in Los Angeles County and San Jose in Santa Clara County.

ARRA-SEP Funding: \$16,500,000

Leverage Funding: \$30,955,631

Retrofit Target: 2,463 Single Family Homes

Projected Energy Savings: 11,276.82 MWh annually

Projected Gas Savings: 1,024,345.97 therms annually

GHG Emissions Reduction: 11,090 tons CO₂e annually

Prime Contractor: CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund

Sub Contractors: None

Partnering Clean Energy Workforce Development Program(s):

The California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), and Beutler Corporation's Green Jobs program. The program will create a feedback loop between local contractors and the CWIB and local WIBs regarding the needs of local building performance contractors working with the MIST Program.

Contract Description:

This contract will establish the MIST Program administered by the CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund. The MIST Program will administer a revolving loan program that will finance Third Tier energy efficiency measures through "MIRACL" 3%, 15-year loans, and home purchase and refinancing FHA 203(k) loans. The CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund is a Joint Powers Authority of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and the MIST Program will serve 31 rural counties in the Regional Council of Rural Counties.

Highlights:

The MIST Program will create a sustainable, self-replenishing source of loans and grants for comprehensive, Third Tier energy efficiency retrofits available for rural Californian homeowners in the low-to-moderate income segments. The Program is also expected to develop an infrastructure to support the use of time-of-sale home energy ratings and to broaden the use of Federal Housing Administration 203(k) loans.

Retrofit Technologies:

This contract will implement retrofit measures, including but not limited to: attic, wall and floor insulation; building envelope sealing; duct sealing and repair; EnergyStar appliance replacement; air conditioner and/or furnace replacement or installation defect repair; cool roofs; radiant barriers; EnergyStar window replacement; domestic hot water replacement, insulation and installation defect repair; water efficient toilets, showerheads and landscape irrigation; and PV systems.